



Pictured: Front row (L-R): Terri Czerwinski, Linda Meeder, Evilia Jankowski, Sue Zacharski  
Back row (L-R): Jodi Gogolin, Jane Borr, Ronda Harrison, Karla Palmer

compassionate  
temperature taker  
head lice checker  
curer of headaches  
SCHOOL NURSE  
tender loving care  
stomachache expert  
keeper & giver of medicine  
vision & hearing screener  
Indispensable

School nurses  
directly impact a  
student's ability  
to succeed in  
school by  
reducing  
absenteeism,  
increasing time  
present in the  
classroom and  
supporting a safe  
environment for  
learning.

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<b>Evilia A Jankowski, MSA, BSN, RN:</b> I always wanted to be a nurse from the time I was little. I cared for animals on the farm and loved it. My father was an educator and I grew comfortable within the education environment at a very early age. I coordinate a variety of health services for the schools in Genesee County and respond to new health challenges frequently. I love my job and enjoy the feeling of being helpful to students, families and staff.	<b>Linda Meeder, RN, MS, FNP, NCSN:</b> At the age of 10 I knew I wanted to be a nurse and as corny as this may sound even at a young age I loved people and wanted in some way to be useful. My 34 years of nursing experience has been very rewarding especially the last 18 years working as a school nurse in the field and as an administrator for a school nursing program. I know I refer to these years of experience and gained knowledge daily in my current job as Michigan's State School Nurse Consultant.
<b>Karla Palmer, MSN, RN, NCSN:</b> I am a School District Nurse for St. Johns Public School. I went into nursing because the school nurse at St. Johns when I attended school was so inspirational. I love every part of my job! Nursing is an <b>awesome profession</b> .	<b>Jane Borr, BSN, RN:</b> I chose nursing because in high school I worked in a pediatrician's office and really enjoyed working with the children and families and learning about well children vs. children with disease or illness. My current role is Manager for the Holland Hospital School Nurse Program. The most rewarding part is redefining the term "school nurse". What many people think a school nurse does in the school building to what the role really looks like today.
<b>Ronda Harrison, RN, BSN, NCSN:</b> I chose nursing in the 60's after an injury that hospitalized me for 3 months, feeling that my experience as a patient would help me be a better nurse. I am retired after 45 years in nursing with the last 18 spent as a school nurse. I love children, their honesty, and ability to live in the moment. It is rewarding to help them feel valued, safe and normal at school where so much of their time is spent.	<b>Jodi Gogolin, MSN, BS, RN :</b> I am currently the Director of Community Outreach. I find it very rewarding to be able to provide school children the nursing care that they need each day while they are at school and to help them to be healthy learners in a safe environment. I chose nursing because I have a passion to help people to be healthy.
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